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RECOVERY DEVICE HAVING LYOPHILIC PORTION

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- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. One or more reference cited herein was cited in a counterpart foreign application. See Reference 1. An original and English language version of the foreign Office Action is attached for the Examiner's information as Reference 2.
- ☒ 3. An English language Abstract of one or more non-English language reference is included. See Reference 1.
- ☒ 4. A computer-generated English language translation of one or more Japanese Patent Publication cited herein has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 1.

- ☒ 5. JP-A-2005-19864 cited herein corresponds to US 2004/0263809, previously cited.

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